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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 6595

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CODEL MONTGOMERY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 31

REF: STATE 297834 (DTG 180041Z DEC 75), NOTAL

1. WE COMPARED NOTES MORNING DECEMBER 18 WITH ACTING UNHCR DIRECTOR FOR LAOS MARTIN BARBER (U.K.) AND FOUND PLANNING FOR CODEL'S TRAVEL TO HANOI DECEMBER 21 TO BE WELL ADVANCED.

2. MAIN ELEMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: TRAVEL BY AIR LAO CARAVELLE CHARTERED TO UNHCR FROM BANGKOK TO VIENTIANE EARLY MORNING DECEMBER 21; PROCUREMENT OF DRV VISAS AT WATTAY AIRPORT; CONTINUATION TO HANOI BY AIR LAO DC-3, ALSO CHARTERED TO UNHCR; RECEPTION AND LUNCH AT GIA LAM AIRPORT BY DRV DELEGATION; AND RETURN FROM HANOI TO BANGKOK BY DC-3 SAME AFTERNOON WITH REFUELING STOP AT VIENTIANE. (CARAVELLE WOULD ORDINARILY RETURN TO VIENTIANE DECEMBER 20 BUT WILL BE HELD OVERNIGHT TO ACCOMMODATE CODEL; ADVANTAGES ARE FASTER FLIGHT TO VIENTIANE AND SHORTER WORK-DAY FOR DC-3 CREW. ANOTHER
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FACTOR IN BARBER'S MIND IS POSSIBILITY THAT DC-3 CREW,

NOT PREVIOUSLY ALLOWED TO OVERNIGHT IN BANGKOK, MIGHT "DEFECT" IF DC-3 WERE PREPOSITIONED IN BANGKOK DECEMBER 20.)

3. FULL SCHEDULE AS PROPOSED BY BARBER AND IN WHICH WE CONCUR FOLLOWS: HE IS DESCRIBING IT AS TENTATIVE BUT NOTING THAT ANY CHANGES WILL CREATE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY, WITH EXCEPTION OF LONGER STAY IN HANOI WHICH IS OF COURSE AT OPTION OF DRV. HE WILL DELIVER IT TO DRV EMBASSY VIENTIANE DECEMBER 18 AND ASK THEM TO CABLE IT TO HANOI. (FYI. BARBER- PROTECT ON THIS POINT- CONSIDERS IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT CODEL WILL BE INVITED TO REMAIN OVERNIGHT IN HANOI.)

4. SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 (ALL TIMES LOCAL: GMT PLUS 7):

0700 -- DEPART BANGKOK (CARAVELLE)

0800 -- ARRIVE VIENTIANE, OBTAIN DRV VISAS

0900 -- DEPART VIENTIANE (DC-3)

1100 -- ARRIVE HANOI (GIA LAM AIRPORT); CODEL TO BE RECEIVED AND OFFERED LUNCH BY DRV DELEGATION.

1300 -- DEPART HANOI (DC-3)

1500 -- ARRIVE VIENTIANE ; REFUEL

1530 -- DEPART VIENTIANE (DC-3)

1730 -- ARRIVE BANGKOK; REMAIN OVERNIGHT (DC-3 WILL RETURN TO VIENTIANE EMPTY).

5. BARBER HAS ADVISED US THAT WE DO NOT RPT NOT NEED TO CONTACT DRV EMBASSY IN VIENTIANE WITH REGARD TO ISSUANCE OF DRV VISAS.

6. CHARGE HAS APPOINTMENT WITH SECSTATE FOR FOREIGN CONFIDENTIAL

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AFFAIRS KHAMPHAY BOUPHA AFTERNOON DECEMBER 18 TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF CODEL VISIT TO VIENTIANE DECEMBER 22 AND 23; WILL REPORT RESULTS SEPTEL.

7. FOR DEPARTMENT: CODEL WILL NOT REQUIRE LAO VISAS FOR DECEMBER 21 TRANSITS OF VIENTIANE BUT ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL REQUIRE VISAS FOR PROSPECTIVE VISIT DECEMBER 22-23. IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT VISAS BE

OBTAINED IN WASHINGTON DECEMBER 18 (IF THIS HAS NOT
ALREADY BEEN DONE) TO AVOID DELAY IN BANGKOK. ALSO,
PLEASE INCLUDE JCRC AS INFO ADDRESSEE ON ALL MESSAGES

THIS SUBJECT.

8. FOR BANGKOK (COLONEL EBNER, POL-MIL): IF WE HAVE
NOT MEANWHILE CONTACTED YOU BY TELEPHONE, PLEASE FUR-
NISH SOONEST NAMES, RANKS, AND IF AVAILABLE THE PASS-
PORT NUMBERS OF THE TWO JCRC OFFICERS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY
CODEL TO HANOI. ALSO, YOU MAY BE CONTACTED BY UNHCR
BANGKOK OFFICE FOR FURTHER COORDINATION AND ALSO FOR
ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING CLEARANCE FOR DC-3 TO LAND IN
BANGKOK AFTERNOON DECEMBER 21; UNHCR'S CLEARANCE REQUEST
WAS INITIALLY REFUSED BECAUSE REMAINS WERE LISTED AS
"CARGO" AND DON MUANG ALLEGEDLY DOES NOT HANDLE CARGO
ON SUNDAYS.

9. FOR ALL: PLEASE EXERCISE DISCRETION IN ANY DEAL-
INGS WITH UNHCR, INASMUCH AS OTHER OFFICES MAY NOT YET
HAVE DETAILED INFORMATION FURNISHED TO US BY BARBER.
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